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February Mid-Winter Issue

Well, it's February, winter is half over, did the groundhog see it's shadow and what does that mean? There's still a lot of winter adventure to experience and thoughts are turning to spring and summer adventures. And don't forget the [Klondike Derby](#), February 16, 17 and 18.

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February Roundtable

Cub Scout breakout will continue discussion of policies and procedures for registering girls into the Cub Scout program. *All parents and unit leadership are invited to attend.* Additional discussion will focus on uniforms - why uniforms and are they important.

Big Rock Topic is an extended opening session featuring information for all scouting groups. This month is historic trails with Bob Elliott.

Boy Scout February roundtable will include a further discussion of historic trails and part 2 of Citizenship in the Community (merit badge class begins at 6:30).

OA Chapter Meeting Remember OA Chapter Meetings are held each month during roundtables. For all Troop OA Representatives to attend. This is your opportunity to provide input for chapter and lodge events including Fall Fellowship, Winter Banquet, and conclaves.

OA Unit Elections OA Election Team training will again take place at the February Roundtable. This will be the last opportunity to take this training. All troops need to attend this training (two youth and two adults).



Klondike Derby, February 16-18

The Chief Black Dog and Southern Skies Klondike Derby is Feb. 16 – 18 at Phillippo. Some of the events are:

- * Winter Scavenger Hunt
- * Snow Snakes — Beware!
- * Travois Lashing & Walking
- * Norwegian Skies
- * Ice Rescue & First Aid
- * Mystery Event???
- * Sled Judging — Think Hawaiian
- * It shouldn't look like it belongs in the snow.

The theme is Hawaiian Winter. Be sure to check out all the events and details at [Klondike Derby](#).

God and Country and God and Me Classes

Protestant God and Country religious emblems classes for Cub Scouts and younger Girl Scouts grades 1-6 will be held at Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church, Apple Valley, starting February 25. Go to [God and Country](#) for a flyer and registration form. Scouts do not need to be Lutherans or members of SOTV to take the classes. Contact [Bob Elliott](#) with questions and to register.

Protestant God and Me religious emblems classes for Cub Scouts and younger Girl Scouts grades 1-3 will be held at Emanuel Lutheran Church, Inver Grove Heights, starting March 15. Go to [God and Me](#) for flyer and registration form. Scouts do not need to be Lutherans or members of Emanuel Lutheran to take the classes. Contact [Gretchen Fett](#) with questions and to register.

Calendar



February 8	Roundtable OA Election Training OA Chapter Meeting
February 10	Chief Black Dog (GO!) Annual Planning Meeting Scout Sabbath
February 15	Family Scouting Deadline
February 16-18	Klondike Derby
March 8	Roundtable OA Chapter Meeting Volunteer Recognition Nominations Due
March 24	Northern Star Council Recognition dinner



Leadership Award Nominations District Dinner

Your Scouting program is successful because of your volunteer leadership! Coming up soon is your once-a-year opportunity to nominate those people for awards in several categories, which will be presented at the Volunteer Recognition Dinner on Saturday, April 28, 2018. Categories include:

- Spark Plug (one registered leader from each unit)
- Outstanding Leader (several leadership positions)
- Distinguished Leadership (for unit service)
- District Award of Merit (for service to the DISTRICT)
- Chartered Partner of the Year

Nomination forms for 2018 are on the district website, under Activities, Volunteer Recognition Dinner. The nomination deadline is Thursday, March 8, 2018. Look for more info and details at Roundtable, and in the Chatter!

Pinewood Derby Saturday, April 7, 2018



The Chief Black Dog (GO!) District Pinewood Derby will be held on Saturday, April 7th, 2018 at the Falcon Ridge Middle School Cafeteria. Go to www.PwdRacing.com (for local info, workshops, races, and more), or www.PwdRacingLeague.com (a National Forum - extremely helpful).

Chaplain's Aide Training



Chaplain's Aide training offered on February 11 from 1-5 PM and Feb 17 9AM-2PM. For locations, and more info see the [flyer](#) on the CBD(G!) website. There is no charge for this training. Please send an email to [Chaplain's Aide Training](#) with questions.

Chief Black Dog (GO!) District Planning Meeting

The Annual District Planning Meeting will be held on Saturday, February 10, 2018. Just as the units do, the district also holds an annual meeting to review the past year, set goals, and set the calendar for the coming year. This meeting will be at the Think Bank in Eagan beginning at 9:30 am. If you have suggestions, ideas, areas of concern please share these with your Unit Commissioner or the District Committee Chairs to bring to this meeting. And you are also welcome to attend.

Council Recognition Dinner

The Northern Star Council Recognition Dinner will held on Saturday, March 24, 2018, at the Golden Valley Country Club (7001 Golden Valley Road). Dinner and Program at 6:30 pm., reception and fellowship at 5:45 pm. Find all the details at [2018 Council Recognition Dinner](#).

2018 Silver Beaver Recipients

The Silver Beaver recipients, class of 2018, will be recognized at the Council Recognition Dinner. Silver Beaver is the highest volunteer recognition at the council level. This year two of our fellow Chief Black Dog (GO!) Scouters will be honored with the Silver Beaver Recognition. Congratulations to Timothy Liffrig, District Commissioner and Paul Mahowald, District Activities Chair!

Silver Journey to Excellence



Chief Black Dog (GO!) district has been recognized at the Silver Level of Journey to Excellence. Thank you to all of our volunteers for your hard work and dedication!